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SUBJECT: UK MBT-80 PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

1. THE MOD MADE PUBLIC ON 13 SEPTEMBER ITS DECISION TO START PROJECT DEFINITION FOR THE UK'S MBT REQUIREMENT TO REPLACE ITS CHIEFTAIN TANKS IN THE LATE 1980'S. ABOUT 60 MILLION POUNDS STERLING IS TO BE SPENT OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS ON THIS PHASE OF THE PROJECT.

2. ALL THE QUALITY PAPERS GIVE PROMINENCE TO THE DECISION, EMPHASIZING THAT THE UK HAS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD ALONE WITH THE PROGRAM UP TO THE PROTOTYPE STAGE, LEAVING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION FOR LATER DECISIONS. THE MOD ANNOUNCEMENT NOTES, INTER ALIA, THAT THE PROJECT SAFEGUARDS 2,000 JOBS IN THE ROYAL ORDNANCE FACTORIES AND 10,000 WITH COMPONENT SUPPLIERS.

3. FULL TEXT OF MOD ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL.

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